

In the matter of determining that Broadband connectivity is the same as an information service:

It is not.

Connectivity is NOT information.

American homes should be connected to the Internet infrastructure by a provider of access, not someone selling information. The choice of access provider and information should be separate. Just as the consolidation of broadcast radio ownership rules have been a disaster in terms of programming diversity, independent opinion, and news reporting, internet information and network technology innovation will be stifled if controlled by a single wireline access and content provider.

Access IS NOT information!

Americans should not be limited to the information that one broadband company provides and probably may not want any information provided by the access provider other than that which is necessary to administer the access.

America deserves an open system where there can be a real choice of access providers over the wireline to the home. These should not be limited to just one local facility owned broadband provider.

Under a one provider system, it is far too easy to limit information and restrict access to new technologies. There is no incentive to innovate without an open system and real competition.

Thank you and consider your and our future carefully,

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